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Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Nov. 3 election

Polls in all parts of Michigan will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, for voting in the General Election.

Voters, who have not already cast absentee ballots, will be able to vote for their favorite candidates, from the President on down to local officials.

In the tri-community, voters will select a 34th District Court Judge, officials in Van Buren and Sumpter townships, members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and the Belleville Area District Library Board, among others.

Also, there are proposals, including the state proposal to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation of parks.

Another state proposal is a constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communication.

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is asking voters to renew 2 mills for six years to provide revenues to local school districts in Wayne County, including Van Buren Public Schools and Keystone Academy.

In the City of Belleville there is a proposal to initiate an ordinance to provide for the number of marijuana establishments within the city, with rules to operate them. This came as a petition to the city council, which did not pass it so it was required to go before voters.

A second proposal in Belleville is to amend the city charter to provide for a process, fees, and criteria for local approval of marijuana facilities within the city. This also was brought to the city council which did not approve it so it was required to go before voters.

In Van Buren Township, a proposal is before voters to approve renewal of the public safety millage of 6.3931 mills for seven years beginning December 2024.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztzman

A new sign has been put up in front of Huron Valley Steel on East Huron River Drive, just west of Haggerty Road, in Van Buren Township. Not much traffic is going by this site these days because of the closing of the bridge over the Huron River for repairs.

Supt. Kudlak reports three positive COVID-19 cases, 42 quarantines

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education School Supt. Pete Kudlak gave an update on COVID-19 cases in the district.

He said since the beginning of the school year three persons have tested positive for COVID-19 and as a result 42 students had been quarantined.

Those quarantined were those who may have had close contact with the positive-testing people.

Monday's meeting was second in-person meeting of the board since the meetings were shut down by COVID in the spring. The meetings now are in the Belleville High School Commons and there is social distancing and masks.

In business matters the board:

- Reconfirmed the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, which is required by the state every 30 days after implementation. This includes reconfirming how instruction will be delivered for each grade level during the 2020-21 school year. This reconfirmation also allows for public comments from parents and guardians on the Extended Learning Plan and a review of weekly two-way interactions. The board agreed to move this reconfirmation to the first meeting of each month, so they will do it again on Nov. 9;
- Heard reports from BHS Principal Stacey Buhro, Edgemont Principal Fred Abel and Owen Intermediate Principal Jason Salhaney. School Supt. Pete Kudlak asked the buildings to present to the board one of their school improvement initiatives that they will be working on this year, as well as an update on their COVID-19 School Safety Plan;
- Approved the retirement of teacher Jenifer Dapsi-Morse of Owen Intermediate

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VBT board approves ordinance for 6-7 per acre condos on the lake

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

A zoning ordinance to allow 6-7 detached condos per acre in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District, was approved by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting by Zoom on Oct. 20.

This zoning was sought by developer Scott Zones for his project on lakeside property next to Sandy's Marina, but is suitable for any RM zoned property.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said this provides a diversity of housing types in the township.

"It was spurred by one developer, but we had been talking about this for some time," said Matt Best, director of public services. He said the denser single family residential zoning is for people who don't want to take care of large yards, such as millennials.

Trustee Reggie Miller confirmed this Jones' project was for two-story homes. She said this zoning at first was talked about for aging residents and, "now I hear millennials." She said she hopes that the township looks at the aging population in the future.

"It will be premium homes on the lake and most senior citizens won't be able to afford them," said Trustee Paul White.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara gave Trustee White the opportunity to make the motion to approve the ordinance, noting it would be his last time to enact a law.

Trustee White has one more township meeting to attend before his tenure on the board is over.

Trustee White did make the motion, which was supported by Trustee Miller and approved unanimously.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she was voting yes, but, "I don't like the way it was brought in."

She obviously referred to Jones' request for a change in the master plan for his area and a change in the zoning before the ordinance was changed, as well.

In other business at the one-hour-and-26-minute meeting on Oct. 20, the board:

- After public hearings, approved the Speculative Building Designations

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School Board

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School on Oct. 30, after 32 years of service;

- Approved employment of Jonathan Victor as an English teacher at Belleville High School as of Oct. 19; Kathleen Klotz as a guidance counselor at McBride Middle School as of Nov. 2; and Robert Buckley as a music teacher at Owen Intermediate School;

- Approved the retirement of Cynthia Lewis from the Transportation Department after 25 years of service, as of Nov. 1;

- Approved the resignations of Lori Hecksel from the Transportation Department after 16 years of service, as of Oct. 16; and Claritha Fortune-Seed from Transportation after two years of service as of Oct. 15;

- Approved the hiring of Ryan Tefertiller on Oct. 19 and Lisa Gilbert on Oct. 26 as custodians in the Plant Operations Department; and

- Went into closed door session to

consider the reinstatement of Student 19020-004 for the 2020-21 school year. Student 19-20-004 was expelled during the 2019-20 school year and came before the Reinstatement Committee for consideration of Reinstatement after the expiration of the expulsion period. The student and parent met with the District Reinstatement Committee on Oct. 14 and a recommendation from that meeting was before the board. In open session the board voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

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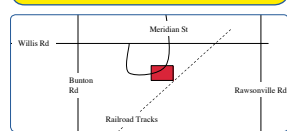
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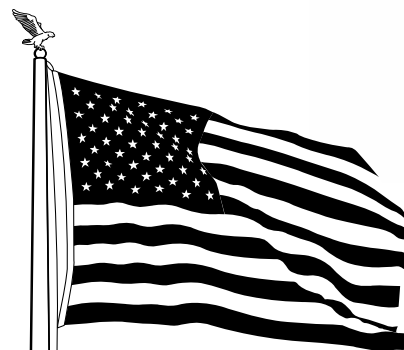
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OPINIONS

Editorial

Trick or Treating downtown will have a different flair

After the Belleville Central Business Community and the City of Belleville officials agreed that the annual Trick or Treating among downtown merchants would not be a good idea during the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was canceled. Some of the merchants breathed a sigh of relief because the danger in having crowds of people in their stores was threatening to them.

But, some merchants decided they wanted to offer candy to costumed children and announced on social media that they will be open from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, to pass out goodies to children.

As far as we know, Main Street won't be roped off to keep children from running across the street the way it is when the CBC and City put on the event. And, traffic is really heavy these days because of the bridge repair on E. Huron River Dr., so be extra careful.

Those announcing they will be giving out candy are Moving the Mitten, Loranger Chiropractic, Egan's Pub, Re/Max, Coldwell Banker, Edward Jones Investments, Next Home Evolution, Urban Barber Shop, Hayward's, Crafted, Metro by T Mobile, Garden Fantasy, Clement Insurance, State Farm, Photography by Shannon, and Burke Sales & Engineering.

All the kids are sure to be wearing masks for this so maybe it will be OK.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Benjamin Moore, a 42-year resident of Sumpter Township, called Friday when I was at a doctor's appointment for my son. Ben left a message.

When he was Up North someone took down his Trump signs and removed his Trump flag that he went to Kentucky to buy. To add insult to injury, they put up a Biden flag and a bunch of Biden signs. They also removed the Peggy Morgan, Jim Clark, and one more sign he didn't specify. He said he is supporting change!

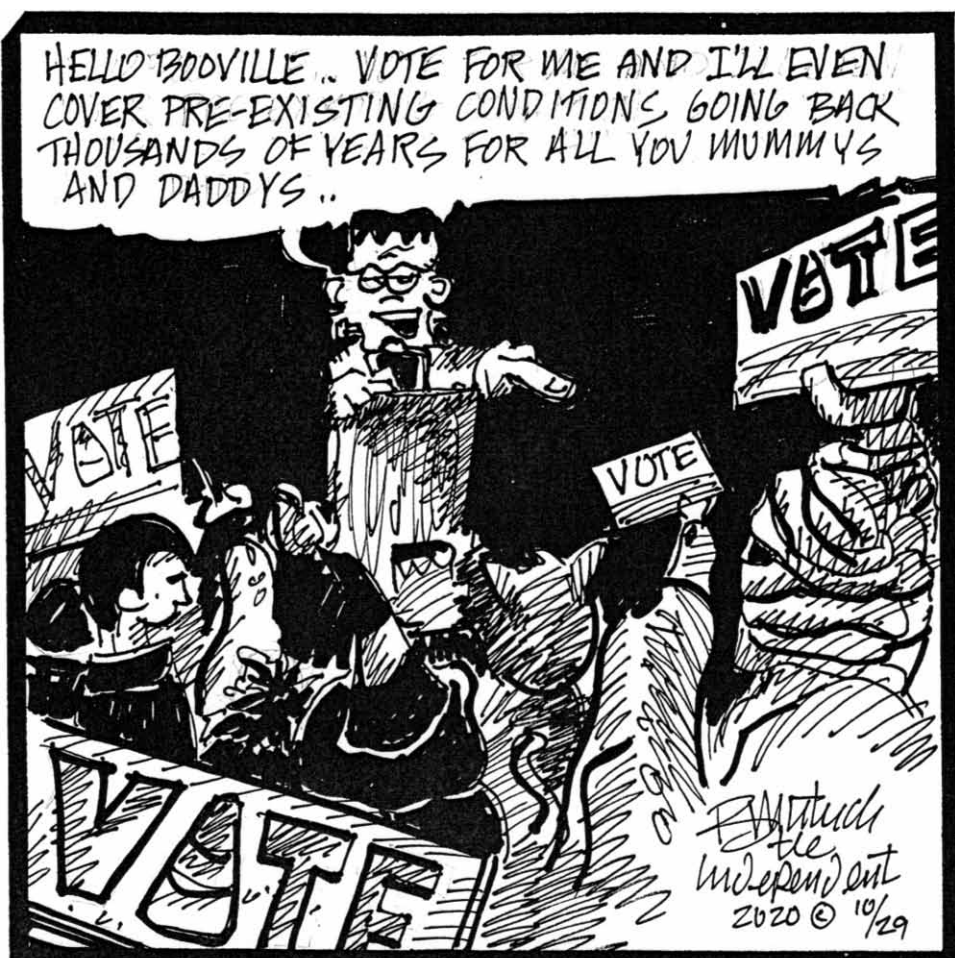
Needless to say, Ben was not happy.

Gerald Farmer of Belleville left a message Friday about our coverage of the local COVID-19 figures. He said he keeps track of the rise in positive cases and he thinks we should give it front-page coverage.

A week ago, Denise Diamond called to say at about 9:30 a.m., Oct. 20, she saw a man dressed in lime green running along East Huron River Drive carrying a huge American flag. She asked if we knew what that was about.

We have seen him, too, and we think it is a Patriot exercising his First Amendment rights. We don't know who he is, but it's nice to see.

The Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation is proposing an expansion of its Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and the designation of authority district boundaries. A public hearing is set for 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Detroit Aerotropolis office at 11895 Wayne Rd., Romulus.



If the resolution is adopted, the Airport Authority LDFA boundaries would include the corporate boundaries of the City of Romulus, City of Taylor, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Charter Township of Huron. That means capturing tax monies in these communities.

At the public hearing, all residents, taxpayers, property owners from where a taxing district is located or an official from a taxing jurisdiction with a millage that would be subject to capture, will be heard.

For more information, you can call (734) 992-2286.

Christopher Girdwood of Aerotropolis had contacted us about publishing a legal notice for VBT residents to learn about the public hearing and later said corporate counsel said more people would see it in *The Detroit News* and *Free Press*.

Well, in case you didn't see it there, here it is.

At the Oct. 12 school board meeting, Supt. Kudlak announced that the district had 12 students quarantined and one student who tested positive for COVID-19. At Monday's meeting that was updated. He said since the beginning of the school year three students had tested positive and 42 were quarantined.

On Tuesday I decided to run out and get some sample ballots for the Belleville and Sumpter elections, since I couldn't find

them on-line. Van Buren Township had its ballot on-line for weeks.

I called Belleville Clerk Verna Chapman and she said to come on over and she'd give me a sample. Easier said than done. I walked in the front door and down the hall to the clerk's office and was stopped by an employee who told me I had to fill out a form and get my temperature taken. I asked her to just get the sample ballot for me so I could leave. No, it was too late. Once I was in the building I had to fill out the form. There was no pen, so she went and got one and I filled out the form. She said I didn't fill it out completely because I failed to write in "yes" where it said I had to wear a mask. I wrote "yes." Then, she told me to sit down and wait.

I sat down and she went away. I started calling out Vera's name, so she could bring me out a sample ballot. Finally, she answered and came out with my sample and an absentee ballot for someone else who was waiting.

It was deadline day for me and time was short.

I drove to Sumpter Township, went in the back door of township hall as directed by signs, walked to the clerk's office, got my sample ballot, and was on my way. How easy was that? Bless you, Sumpter.



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Letters**I'm in high school and a future voter**

To the editor:

My name is Ania Singh, and I am a junior at Plymouth High School. There's a lot happening in our country right now and I wanted to write and share the perspective of me – a high school student and future voter.

Politics has never been a great interest of mine, but over the last seven months our country and state has seen many significant issues arise due to the spread of COVID and issues within the government system. We found ourselves worried about how minorities were being treated as a result of George Floyd's death and the many others who have similarly lost their lives due to such a trivial reason. Due to the pandemic, the health of many people is constantly deteriorating, so I realized how important it was for our current generation to start taking action within our small community to help.

I was introduced to Ranjeev through a family friend working with him on the campaign. Ranjeev's a candidate for State Representative here in the district I live in and I was really happy to learn about Ranjeev's beliefs and goals – he stands for inclusion among all, prioritizing civil rights and women's rights. He tackles all issues within our community, like equity in education and healthcare, which has become extremely prevalent with the rise of COVID-19. His ideology for our community's future is very promising, so working on his campaign has been so encouraging. Ranjeev's heritage is similar to mine, being from an immigrant family, so he understands the struggles that many people face and can use this to make sure that everybody's voice is taken into consideration when making decisions for the entire district.

I wanted to get involved and applied to be an intern with Ranjeev's campaign and made it! Through various methods of voter contact and working with other interns on the team, I have been able to meet new people and reconnect with old ones. Meeting other highschoolers who similarly think that our community needs a leader like Ranjeev has brought us all together and makes me hopeful. The campaign has

given me the opportunity to enforce voting amongst people who wouldn't typically think to vote, seeing it as unnecessary or unimportant. I enjoy socializing and communicating with people, so being on this campaign has given me the opportunity to have meaningful discussions with people I have never met, and with people who I would not typically talk to. In this way the campaign has pushed me out of my comfort zone since I must be as willing as possible to discuss important issues with anyone because this is the only way people will understand the need to resolve these problems in our society. Working with Ranjeev's campaign means getting to work with his whole family. Like his wife Nidhi who I have especially enjoyed working with. The whole family, including Ranjeev and Nidhi's young kids have made this experience very fun and pleasant, being so supportive of everyone in the campaign while still managing many different aspects of the campaign all at once.

One of the most rewarding parts of working on this campaign is knowing that my voice is heard, regardless of not being able to vote. I know that I am playing my part in the community because I am promoting a leader, someone who will work with everyone and who will represent not only Michigan, but our small community within the state. Ranjeev's campaign has made me proud to be from Canton, a city that may sometimes be overlooked in the bigger scope of things.

It feels very enriching to promote the position of state representative for someone who will work from the core issues and make our community stronger and safer. I have enjoyed and learned from my experience so far and hope to be able to continue to work on Ranjeev's campaign in the future! I'm not eligible to vote yet, but when I turn 18 I can't wait to vote for Ranjeev!

Ania Singh
 Junior, Plymouth High School

VBT residents broke record with 560 vehicles

To the resident of Van Buren Township:

Van Buren Township would like to thank US Ecology and their incredible staff for another successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Oct. 10.

We broke a record with 560 vehicles showing up to properly dispose of motor oil, paint, electronics, and so much more! Thank you to all our residents who took the time to swing by and properly dispose of their household hazardous waste.

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Robert Patrick Holt

ROBERT PATRICK HOLT

(April 19, 1948 – October 24, 2020)

Robert Patrick Holt, age 72, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away early Saturday, October 24, 2020 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, after a six-year battle with cancer. He was born April 19, 1948 in Detroit, MI, son of Othneil Edward & Mary Patricia (Long) Holt.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict 1965-1969. He retired in 2002 from General Motors Powertrain after more than 25 years of loyal service. Bob was a member of the U.A.W. Local 735. He attended Community Christian Church, Ypsilanti, MI, and more recently North Ridge Church, Plymouth, MI.

He enjoyed working around their Belleville property of 42 years, primarily the barn that he renovated into their home. He even dug multiple ponds there to enjoy nature. After retiring, Bob enjoyed woodworking and motorcycle riding as a hobby. He loved working with his hands and more recently, he had taken up sketching.

Mr. Robert Holt is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Patricia Anne (Fisher) Holt, two daughters Brianna (Evangelos) Linardakis of Van Buren Township, MI, and Brittany (Alex) Carmona-Holt of Grand Rapids, MI; foster son Matthew Fenner, four grandchildren: Leonidas, Elijah, Lilliana and Kahlo, along with numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother David E. Holt.

To honor his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

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Obituaries



Rita Mae Adair

RITA MAE ADAIR

(October 10, 1937 – October 25, 2020)

Rita Mae Adair, age 83, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2020 at home. She was born on October 10, 1937 in Harold, Kentucky, daughter of George Henry and Ada Ellen (Hunt) Griffith. She previously attended Faithway Church, Ypsilanti, MI, and Tri-Lakes Baptist Church, Brighton, MI and was more recently a member of Willis Baptist Church, Willis, MI. She retired from General Motors Willow Run Hydramatic plant after more than 10 years of loyal service. She enjoyed being a caregiver for many years after her retirement. She loved crocheting, baking, and reading.

Mrs. Adair is survived by four children: Linda St. Jacques of Wayne, MI, Fredrick Withrow, Jr., Debra (Dan) Combs, and Pamela (Mike) Lego, all of Belleville, MI; her beloved Shih-Tzu Deano, two step-sons Mike (Cheryl) Adair of Macomb, MI and David (Donna) Adair of Jacksonville, FL; 22 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers James Dean (Betty) Griffith of Westland, MI and Ward Gene (Brenda) Griffith of Wisconsin; sister Georgia Gail Trout of Livonia, MI; brother/nephew Lawrence Thomas (Joan) Wood of Garden City, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Thomas Adair Jr., two grandsons Scotty and Steven Moe, son-in-law Mike St. Jacques, a sister Louise Smith, also a brother Bob Griffith.

Visitation was Tuesday, October 27, 2020, with a 7 PM prayer service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr. Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of thirty (30) people in the building at one time. Rita was carefully transported to Neal Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee for her funeral and burial services. (931) 762-9447. Interment will be in Center Point Methodist Cemetery, Lawrence County, Tennessee. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Willis Baptist Church and would be appreciated.

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COVID-19 death total in 48111 area remains 33, positive tests rise

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code has remained at 33 since Oct. 17.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 738 on Monday, Oct. 26, up from 715 the previous Monday, Oct. 19.

On Monday, Oct. 26, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 464 positive cases, 18 deaths; City of Belleville, 183 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 91 positive cases, 1 death.



Brian Robert Gonczy

BRIAN ROBERT GONCZY

(May 31, 1971 – October 24, 2020)

Brian Robert Gonczy, age 49, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020 at his home, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born May 31, 1971 in Dearborn, MI, son of Bill & Diane (Darichuk) Gonczy. He graduated from Belleville High School class of 1989 where he enjoyed playing football #36. He was an avid golfer and had season tickets to University of Michigan football games. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI and a member of the Belleville Yacht Club. Brian owned and operated Gonczy Property Maintenance since 2008.

Brian is survived by his devoted wife Karie Lynn (Trierweiler) Gonczy; two Shih Tzus Lexi & Luey; his father Bill (Anne) Gonczy of Hessel, MI; three sisters: Lisa Gonczy of Jackson, MI, Lori Hansor and Karen Gonczy, both of Belleville, MI; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Diane K. Foy in 2004.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Wednesday and will be 10-11 AM Thursday, October 29, 2020 with an 11 AM Funeral Thursday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there is a limit of thirty (30) people in the building at one time. Face-coverings are required inside the building. Pastor Shane Fritz will officiate and the funeral will be live-streamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society and would be appreciated.

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Albert Grablick

ALBERT GRABLICK

(November 6, 1952 – October 8, 2020)

Albert Grablick sadly passed away October 8, 2020 after fighting cancer for six years, at his home in Sumpter Township where he has resided for over 40 years.

He was born in Mindin, West Virginia, and moved to Del Ray, Michigan at one year old. He worked for G.M. for 30 years and has been retired for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife of 22½ years, Shirley Grablick; his son Tim Grablick, 39 years old; his daughter Amanda Grablick-DeBella, 32 years old; and his stepson Adam Brooklier, 43 years old.

His son Travis Grablick passed away June 15, 2014 at the age of 25 years.

He has seven grandchildren.

He was loved by many and left his prints on all our hearts. A celebration of his life is being planned for spring.

VBT Board

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for Buildings #4 and #5 at Crossroads Distribution Center North, 42050 Ecorse Rd. The designations allow future tenants to apply for tax abatements. Assessor Linda Stevenson said this is the first time VBT has had this request, but it is a common thing. She said Romulus and Auburn Hills have done this, as well;

- Approved a contract with Wade Trim for the engineering and inspection services for the Beck Road By-Pass Valve and VB-06 Instrumentation in an amount not to exceed \$33,900;

- Approved a contract with low-bidder Bidigare Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$282,600 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$28,260 for the Beck Road Bypass Valve Project, paid from Water & Sewer Capital Outlay. This addresses long-term concerns of pressure demands needed for the effective operation of the water tower. Supervisor McNamara said Wade Trim, who designed the water tower, presented a less costly option for the project than township engineer FTCH;

- Approved the 2021 salary wage schedule and the Amended 2020 and Proposed 2021 General Fund Budgets. Everyone got 2% salary increases except the following, who got more than 2%: Executive Assistant to Public Services Director, \$5,000 raise to \$58,040; Water/Sewer Superintendent and Building and Grounds Superintendent, each \$5,000 raise to \$68,370; Public Safety IIT Coordinator, \$3,000 raise to \$67,431; DDA Assistant Executive Director, \$2,271 raise to \$59,058. Also, the new job of Elections Specialist begins Jan. 1 at a salary of \$51,800;

- Approved the 2020 Amended and 2021 Proposed Special Revenue Funds Budgets for: Downtown Development Authority Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-911 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Local Development Finance Authority, Longterm Debt Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund. Supervisor McNamara said all the funds are doing fine, except LDFA and the township is putting aside \$1.7 million a year until the Visteon bond is paid off;

- Approved the Amended 2020 and Proposed 2021 Water and Sewer Budget;
- Approved updated language to the Elected Officials Manual for in lieu of health care. Trustees shall not be afforded healthcare effective Nov. 20, 2020. However, he/she shall receive in lieu of said coverage the sum of \$300 a month;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce he has been informed of the deaths of longtime poll workers, Ray Bergeron and Vicki Bostwick. He said after the pandemic is over he'd like to present plaques to their families;

- Hear Clerk Wright announce as of that date his office has sent out 10,579 absentee ballots, which is 58% of the registered voters, and so far 6,158 have been returned. He said he expects to have

50% of registered voters casting ballots as of election day. He said they are getting from 400 to 450 in daily and they are taking friendly bets on passing the 11,000 record for voters in VBT. He encouraged dropping off the ballots at the township hall so they don't get involved in the post office delays. He said voters can go to mi.gov/vote to confirm that their vote has been checked in. He said somebody called the state to complain that the township hall was to be closed on election day. Wright said the other offices in the township will be closed, but the clerk's office would be open running the election. He said they will be there from 6 a.m. until all the votes are counted;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara thank his assistant Dan Selman for all the work he did to get the Forgotten Harvest food distribution, which will be most Tuesdays until the end of the year at the senior center at township hall. He said they will need volunteers because they could end up serving 700 cars a day. No forms to fill out and people may pick up food for their neighbors, as well;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara report that this year's Hazardous Waste collection day brought 560 vehicles, a record. Last year there were 350 vehicles. He thanked the U.S. Ecology for the free service to the community;

- Heard McNamara say the majority of the construction is complete for the pickle ball courts, but it is not open yet. He said the courts will close around Thanksgiving and be open, dawn to dusk, in the spring. Work also continues on the Iron Belle Trail and work on the trail from Edgemont to Riggs Park should be complete in late summer, 2021;

- Heard Water & Sewer Director James Taylor announce he has just been informed by the Great Lakes Water Authority that the township's 3.5% rate increase that was to take effect Oct. 1 has been deferred again due to COVID. Now it will take place Jan. 1. Another rate increase of 2.5 to 3% is scheduled for July 1. The water and sewer rate increases approved by the board for residents and businesses will still take effect Jan. 1;

Corrections

On the front page of last week's paper, the information under the winning scarecrows carried two items of misinformation that need correcting.

Under the picture of the Groot scarecrow it said the character was from Star Wars. That is incorrect. Groot is from Guardians of the Galaxy.

Also, the scarecrow on the far right is not from the Rocky Horror Picture Show, but from the Little Shop of Horrors.

We apologize for the misidentifications. We received many, many notifications of the errors by phone calls and emails.

Harold Hopkins

Harold Hopkins of Westland said he is actually 36 years old, not 40 as we stated in the Aug. 20 issue's Court Watching column. We apologize for the error.

More Letters

Winterfest parade canceled by COVID-19

To Chamber of Commerce members:

As you know, we have actively been working on plans for a safe and successful Winterfest Parade. Even so, after much deliberation, communication, and determination, on Wednesday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce voted to cancel this year's lighted parade.

It is with great regret that the Chamber's annual tradition for the community will not occur. When combining the requirements of public safety guidelines and the experience we aim to deliver, it became painfully obvious that we could not meet the high expectations that our community has grown to know and love.

Even with our thoughtful and careful planning to offer not just an enjoyable experience but a safe experience, we had to consider the rapidly rising cases of COVID-19 throughout the region. Based on this, we believe that there is a high likelihood that the event may very well have been canceled for us by the Health Department or other governmental directions. In fairness to the participants, donors, and members of our community we have made the decision to cancel now so that everyone will be able to refocus their time, energy, and currency on other activities.

Stay tuned to this newsletter, Facebook, and other social media, as we look to add

additional opportunities for the festivities. As of now, the fireworks are still planned for Friday night at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4.

If you are a parade, activities, or signature sponsor, we will be contacting you individually. We have an option to increase the length of the fireworks, and are looking at a unique opportunity (more info soon?) for your sponsorship. Rest assured, that until we have clarity, we will continue to promote your contributions and generosity to the community.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce
From its newsletter

Worry no more; God knows the score

Dear Voters:

The sign above my desk says: Worry no more; God knows the score.

Read Prov. 3:5-6 - "God sees the big picture and knows every detail, so He has more wisdom than we do. He promises to make our paths straight when we trust His knowledge."

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More Letters

Make your vote count! My choice for judge

To the editor:

Please make your vote count!

Since the primary, I have been approached by many voters who told me they are writing me in for 34th District Court Judge and have urged me to run a write-in campaign. While I am deeply honored and truly appreciate this support, I want to be perfectly clear: I have not filed and will not be filing the required Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent to do so. Therefore,

according to state law, a write-in vote cast for me does not count. Rather, I urge you to select from one of the two listed candidates, Lisa Martin or Alexandria Taylor.

It has been my privilege to bring my 35 years of legal experience to serve the people of the 34th District as one of their hard-working judges. During my 18 years as judge I dedicated myself not only to the law, but also to active community service off the bench. Choosing a candidate to replace a long-serving incumbent judge with such deep roots requires careful consideration. I have undertaken a critical analysis of each candidate's qualifications and have come to an unequivocal conclusion as to who I consider best suited to replace me.

Consider initially the geographical diversity of our judges. Essentially, the 34th Judicial District consists of three communities: Huron, Romulus and the Belleville area of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren. The Belleville Area is geographically distinct from Huron and Romulus, being divided by the Metroparks and I-275. While it is true that judges do not represent constituents in the same way as other elected officials, they certainly bring with them a sense of and connection to their own community. Huron and Romulus each have a judge residing in their community and I was the judge living in the Belleville area. If Ms. Taylor is elected, Romulus will have two judges and the Belleville area, which comprises just over 51% of the area and population of the 34th District, will have none. Therefore, if all other things were equal, I would favor Ms. Martin because she is a resident of our community. However, in my opinion, all other things are not equal.

Lisa Martin is 48 years of age, a resident of Van Buren Township and has impeccable academic credentials, including Harvard and the University of Michigan Law School. She has 21 years of legal experience, with the last two years as a 34th District Court magistrate, and a broad practice background including criminal defense, general civil, small claims, and landlord-tenant cases.

Alexandria Taylor, 39, is a Romulus resident, earned her degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (where she is currently an adjunct professor), and also holds an MBA from Eastern Michigan University. She has been a lawyer for 9 years, practices from her own single-attorney law firm in downtown Detroit, and emphasizes her felony criminal defense and trial work in Wayne County Circuit Court and surrounding counties.

While age in and of itself should not be a determining factor, with age comes an opportunity for greater life experiences, seasoning and wisdom, all qualities a good judge should possess. More importantly, legal experience both in length and breadth is required. In Michigan, an attorney cannot be a judge without at least five years of legal experience. Ms. Martin has over four times that amount whereas Ms. Taylor doesn't even have twice this minimal requirement.

As to breadth of that experience, it should be remembered that district courts hear a large variety of cases, including felonies

through the preliminary examination phase (felony trials are held in circuit court), criminal misdemeanors, landlord-tenant disputes, small claims, traffic tickets and other civil infractions, and general civil matters up to \$25,000.

Ms. Taylor claims civil litigation experience but she heavily emphasizes her felony defense experience in circuit court. However, looking at the percentage of cases filed in the 34th District Court in 2019 (the last year for which data is available), felony cases constituted less than 1% of the court's business (0.7%). With respect to all criminal matters, misdemeanor cases, at 8.5% of the court's filings, outnumbered felonies by over 12 to 1. Landlord-tenant and small claims combined were 6.5%, while general civil matters were 5.3%. At 79%, the vast majority of the court's cases were traffic-related.

Ms. Martin started her career with the Legal Aid and Defenders' Association representing indigent and low-income defendants in both criminal and civil cases. Later, she engaged in landlord-tenant practice and gained extensive civil experience in collection matters. Finally, Ms. Martin attained actual adjudicative experience as a judicial officer (magistrate) in the 34th District Court. She presided over most felony probable cause conferences, small claims trials and traffic informal hearings, as well as many criminal arraignments, where she set bonds and pre-trial release conditions. Ms. Martin also conducted mediation hearings in civil and landlord-tenant disputes. Her familiarity with our court means she can hit the ground running for a smooth transition. To me, this is a crucial distinction between the candidates because whatever Ms. Taylor's experience may be, it is indisputably experience as an advocate for one side or the other. Ms. Martin's experience has transcended advocacy and she has become, as a judge should be, an impartial arbiter between the parties.

In addition, during this journey, I had the opportunity to get to know Ms. Martin, to offer her my advice, guidance and insights, and to form an opinion as to her character and judicial temperament. Because of Ms. Martin's willingness to learn and fidelity to the law, I am confident she will make a fine judge. Even more important, because Ms. Martin was the only candidate in the primary who refused to rush to judgment and attack me for unproven, one-sided allegations regarding my personal legal issues, she demonstrated beyond question her commitment to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty -- a fundamental right every lawyer and judge must embrace and protect.

Ms. Martin's excellent qualifications, experience and character, not even mentioning the fact that she is a resident of the Belleville area, makes her my choice to replace me at the 34th District Court. I urge you to make your vote count and vote Lisa Martin for District Judge.

Judge David Parrott
 34th District Court



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This week's Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Virtual Photo Challenge winner Lindsey Veenhuis. Her photo is titled "Cousins Hanging Out" and was taken on Martinsville Road off Bemis. The Virtual Photo Challenge ends Oct. 31. Submit your fall photos before it's too late. Email photos to Communications@vanburen-mi.org. Add your name and location of the photo in the body of the email.

More Letters

Conservative Repub. for Biden/Harris

To the editor:

The letter submitted by Barbara Zysk - Berman, in the Oct. 22 edition of the Independent, was well thought out and a very accurate assessment of President Trump's callous and extremely reckless "Republican Party" solution to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Donald Trump isn't concerned about anything except his chances for reelection. Meanwhile, actual Republican Party conservatives are joining forces with the opposition Democrats to restore order and integrity to the governing bodies of our democratic republic.

This growing coalition is working diligently to defeat those Tea Party and Freedom Party "Trump Republicans" who have an unthinkable cult-like devotion to Donald Trump and who will trample the Constitution to stay in power.

Unfortunately there are many people like Mrs. Ruth E. Bleeker who dismiss the innumerable lies, the demeaning name-calling, the lewd behavior and language, the hateful and bigoted speeches and Trump's total incompetence in fulfilling his oath of office to defend and protect the American people.

As a Vietnam Era Veteran it disgusts me that anyone would openly support a president who embraces Russian, Chinese, North Korean and Turkish authoritarian leaders. To support Trump is to be complicit in his dangerous and irrational behavior, and certainly immoral!

The Evangelical Christians are the most hypocritical since the Bible clearly teaches that we should not associate with people

who are of Trump's persuasion -- it is what it is!

CeJay Marshall

Van Buren Township

Conservative Republican & Navy Veteran
For Biden/Harris

These candidates have my endorsements

To the editor:

I endorse the following candidates in the general election. They have been examined and have received at least a C grade in their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

Van Buren Twp. Republican write-ins Michael Kole for trustee, and James Chapman for Supervisor.

Huron Twp.: Kelly Trombly for Supervisor, non-partisan; Sumpter Twp.: Trustees: Don Laporte, Matt Oddy, Tim Rush; Treasurer Vincent Warren; Clerk: Esther Hurst.

In the legislative races I pick Martha Ptashnik in the 19th, Laurel Hess in the 21st;

For Congress, Jeff Jones in the 11th rep; For U.S. Senate, John James.

James Chapman

Van Buren Township

Candidate for Library Board

and Republican write-in for VBT

Supervisor

Here's how to check on your absentee ballot

To the editor:

Just a FYI for folks wondering about their absentee ballots. The state has a website where you can check to see if your ballot has been received by your local clerk:

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Sue Wade

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looking fabulous.

Now through Monday, Nov. 2, you can enter the Belleville Central Business Community's Virtual Halloween Costume Contest. Simply email your pics to jfay-millard@att.net. The categories again are: Infant-3 years, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13 and up, and Family. For info call (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. With no official Trick or Treat Main Street this year, a handful of merchants will still be passing out treats on Friday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., even though Halloween falls on Saturday. The folks at Moving the Mitten wanted to try and keep some normalcy in the community during these challenging times and put out a blast to other merchants about Friday evening and many came on board. Cool. Be safe

out there, if you're going.

The folks at Belleville Church of God expect loads of cars at their Bash Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat event this Friday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their church parking lot on Hull Road. Candy donations are still being accepted and you can still take part as a trunker, if you'd like a safe place to hand out your treats. Call (734) 697-0927.

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The Belleville Tigers Varsity Football team closed out the regular season with a 35-14 victory over Livonia Churchill on Oct. 23 at BHS. The game was televised by Fox Sports Detroit with Johnny Kane doing the play by play. The broadcast crew also used a video telestrator at times which also was exciting to see X's and O's on re-

plays. They also featured segments with the coaches and some of the players on each team. I loved seeing our home field tiger paw on the big screen. Belleville improved to 6-0 on the season and will host Plymouth this Friday in the opening round of the state playoffs. Go, Tigers!

Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road just east of Morton Taylor has a great selection of pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds, and other fall decorations for the upcoming seasons. Cemetery cones, grave blankets, wreaths, and roping will be available starting Nov. 6, with custom orders welcome. Be sure to visit their Garage Sale Days, too. They're open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 697-1765 and see their ad in today's paper.

Thank you and good luck to all the candidates and organizations that ran political advertisements with us over the past months. We appreciate your business during these challenging times. It's been a pleasure working with you. I'm also super glad our production team leader James Oztman is slowly making his way back to work this week. He wears the most professional hats of anyone around here to bring you this newspaper each week. Great to see you, Sir.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your idea. There is no cost to be in this column.

VBT Clerk urges residents to wear masks as positive cases rise

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright made a statement at the Oct. 20 regular meeting of the township board, via Zoom, urging residents not to let their guard down against COVID-19.

Clerk Wright told residents to social distance, wash their hands, and wear masks because the positive cases are going up in VBT. He said there were nine more positive cases that day and there are about 31,000 residents of the township.

"We're letting our guards down," Wright said, noting it affects the most vulnerable. He said he would like to go home to see family for Thanksgiving, but he and his wife don't want to risk that.

"I'm asking people to be diligent - if not for yourself, do it for those you love," he said. "People in this township care about each other ... Let's step up as a township and put this nonsense aside."

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the police chief told him there are 40 people on respirators in local hospitals.

"In Wayne County, it may be the hottest place is in VBT," Supervisor McNamara said.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she would like the township to contact-trace, so it can alert the public of the hot spots.

McNamara said he would do what he can. "I can ask," McNamara told the board.



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Photo courtesy Michigan Fireworks Club

Members of the Michigan Fireworks Club are getting ready for their annual fireworks display for Winter Fest, Dec. 4. They are, from left standing, Joshua Edwards, Matt Copeland, Bryon Kelley, Mark Buxton, Ben Ross, Tom Wright, Mike Gentz, Michael Hawkins, and Robert Kenyon. Kneeling, from left, are Tim Pastor, Burke Dawson, Rick Dawson, and Jim Stevens.

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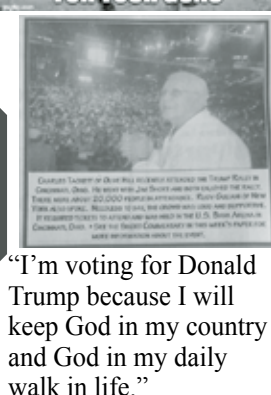
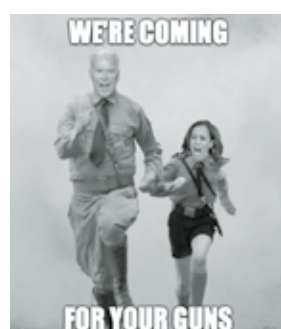
JoBamaoBiden said the big tent Democrat Party consists of adverse elements. Let's review the facts. Who are these elements? Bernie Sander's Socialist Party manifesto, ADC + 3 Green New Deal, the Soros ANTIFA and Black Lives Matter organizations, the CAIR Communist Muslim Liberal Party. The carbon tax globalist, plutocrats, the Communist Party, all of these elements will sit at the table of the Harris/Biden administration. These elements will destroy our Capitalist Economy! Wise Up!

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Surprise gas main delays Fourth Street Placemaking Project

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

Belleville Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Carol Thompson gave an update on the Fourth Street Placemaking Project at the DDA's Oct. 21 Zoom meeting.

She said the 91-place library parking lot next door had its base coat of asphalt down and Fourth Street asphalt will be done by the same company.

She said they found an unmarked gas main during demolition of the street and had to reshoot some of the topography.

They are impacting the soil for the curbs and in two weeks the stamped concrete will be in place and then the base coat of asphalt.

Thompson said the special tree grates for Fourth Street are being made at the other side of the country.

She said Museum Director Katie Dallos, now on furlough from Van Buren Township, confirmed she received a \$25,000 grant from Michigan State Arts which will pay for the building connector between the museum and the former fire hall, which is now a storage area for the museum. This will be adjoining the Fourth Street project.

"It will be beautiful," Thompson said.

In other business at the 26-minute, Oct. 21 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved Community Event Funding of \$2,000 each for the Belleville-Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville Central Business Community for promotions of their community events. City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said there have been changes to the Chamber's Winter Fest plans. In a committee meeting that afternoon the parade committee decided the safest way to host a lighted parade was not to hold it, because the health department, State of Michigan, and federal government could stop it because of COVID. She said the Chamber's fireworks is still a go. The \$2,000 grants are contingent on the Chamber and the CBC being able to hold their events, as listed on their applications. The CBC's Santa event is still under consideration as the CBC shows Kobylarz their plans;

- Heard Thompson report there were an exceptional number of scarecrows put on Main Street and many businesses participated in making the scarecrows;

- Heard DDA chairwoman Alicia McGovern say a few months earlier the DDA became a member of the Association for DDAs and other folks now are learning from Belleville. Thompson said others around the state are asking questions about how the city got its DORA started. She has talked to Ferndale which wants to start DORA in the spring. They also wanted to know about the restaurant rally Belleville had. "Everyone is figuring out the new normal," Thompson said;

- Heard DDA member Jennifer Winter comment that she is "bummed we're taking everything away," referring to the most-recent parade cancellation. "If people are scared, they won't come," she said;

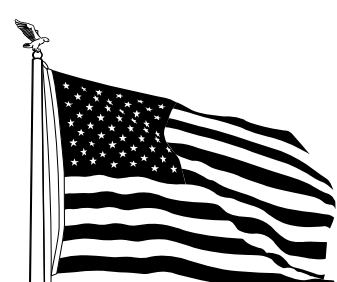
- Heard chairwoman McGovern say in her experience people are taking COVID in different ways. She said people should try to be patient and understanding of one another. "Once you take something away, people wonder if it will come back ... I'm looking forward to 2021. It's gotta be better than this year," McGovern said;

- Heard DDA member Jason Mida say he traveled to the west side of the state and saw that Kalamazoo and Marshall had skeletons instead of scarecrows decorated. "Skeletons added so much more," Mida said, noting it probably cost more than scarecrows. Mayor Kerreen Conley added that Northville has skeletons; and

- Heard DDA member Kelly McWilliams ask if Winter Fest might be a good time for a ladies' night out, like they had in the past. Thompson said she would work with McWilliams on that and they could have a phone conversation. McGovern added maybe this would be a good time to have pop-up shops.

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JOE BIDEN DEMOCRAT	PRESIDENT	DONALD TRUMP REPUBLICAN
YES	Abortion on Demand	NO
YES	\$4 Trillion in New Taxes	NO
NO	Repeal Obamacare Tax	YES
NO	Move US Embassy to Jerusalem	YES
NO	Withdraw from Iran Nuclear Deal	YES
YES	Green New Deal	NO
FLIP-FLOPPED	Taxpayer Funding of Abortion	NO
NO	Gorsuch and Kavanaugh for US Supreme Court	YES
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Monday, Nov. 11, 2020 is Veterans Day. It is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on Nov. 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. armed Forces, also known as Veterans. Originally called "Armistice Day," Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for Nov. 11, 1919.

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle, or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American Veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. Many companies offer free meals to Veterans. Google "veterans day free

meals" for info on free or discounted meals for all Veterans with proper I.D.

Nov. 11 of each year is the day we ensure ALL Veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

Show your respect and pride for our Veterans who live on your street by displaying a flag in front of your home. Thanks to a very generous donation of flag staffs from Manns Lumber and many labor hours from Contract Welding, we will have a supply of refurbished flags in front of the home of our Jr. Vice Commanders, 48 S. Biggs. Take one and join all our neighbors with a display any American city would be proud of.

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Pete Pitzen

Jr. Vice Commander

Think, then Vote for the best candidate

To the editor and readers:

This has been a stressful time with the pandemic and election of a new president. So much mail, loss of life due in part to the coronavirus and the decision of who has ALL AMERICANS' best interest at heart. Much has been learned about the present president and those who are running and seeking the votes of people who want a new administration and the ones who want

to keep the same leader.

This has been an eye opener as to how this country is so split about who and why the candidate must be a LEADER, RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR DECISIONS ie. serious viruses plaguing this Nation and how important to heed what doctors and scientists are saying. You/I would not want to go to a doctor for a procedure and hear them say, "I can do the job but I don't take responsibility for the outcome of the procedure"?

Something to think about. What are children being taught about responsibility, leadership and TRUTH?

Now if you have not voted, THINK, then VOTE.

Marian Caldwell

Ypsilanti/Belleville

Court Watching:

Charges dismissed against Johnson when witness fails to appear

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The live preliminary exam for Norman Ladale Johnson, 32, of Willis was set for Oct. 21 but the complaining witness failed to appear. 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley dismissed charges against Johnson without prejudice, which means they could be refiled in the future.

Johnson was charged with assault with intent to murder, home invasion first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in Sumpter Township on May 16.

Bond was set at \$50,000/10% and he had to wear a tether, for tracking only, and stay away from the complaining witness.

The complaining witness had told the court that he was in fear for his life.

A petition to bring the witness in was signed, sealed and handed to the prosecutor, but the victim failed to appear for the preliminary exam.

Defense attorney was Murray Duncan. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor was Lori Mireles-Smith.

Johnson allegedly forced entry into a residence in the 23000 block of Elwell Road occupied by the 26-year-old male

victim, an acquaintance of his. Johnson then proceeded to attack the victim about the head and torso with a tire iron causing severe injuries.

The victim exited the residence with Johnson in pursuit and continuing to attack him in the yard before the victim was eventually able to break free and flee on foot. The victim returned to the residence to call 911 after Johnson fled the scene in a silver Ford Explorer.

Sumpter Police Sgt. Joseph Balowski responding to the scene, observed the suspect vehicle westbound on Willow near Rawsonville and made a traffic stop as it crossed over into Washtenaw County. Johnson was taken into custody without incident but denied any knowledge of the incident or even being on Elwell. The incident, however, was caught on the victim's home security camera system.

Julia Deann Maull-Kennedy

Julia Deann Maull-Kennedy, 30, of Roseville took advantage of a plea deal on Oct. 21, where all three charges were dismissed and she pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of use of a controlled substance.

Maull-Kennedy had been charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance – analogues and one count of possession of marijuana on July 15, 2016 in Belleville. Her attorney is Caith DeMott Grady of the Neighborhood Defender Service.

Judge Oakley imposed a \$500 fine and will dismiss the use charge after 12 months if no other problems arise. She told Judge Oakley that she had used heroin for nine years and moved to Michigan to start over.

Jason Robert Waarala

Judge Oakley adjourned the probable cause conference until Nov. 4 for Jason Robert Waarala, 46, of Van Buren Township who is facing two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Oct. 7 in VBT.

His retained attorney Stephen Adams needs discovery on the case, which includes a 911 recording and a video recording. Waarala is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Kenneth Lamont Parker

Kenneth Lamont Parker, 40, of Ypsilanti, has his live preliminary exam set for Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Oakley. He is charged with 14 felonies, including one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of assault with intent to rob while armed, four assault charges, one aggravated assault, and weapons charges in VBT on July 31.

He is in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million cash or surety bond. Defense attorney is Ben Gonek.

Keenan Deshon Black

Keenan Deshon Black of Taylor had his probable cause conference adjourned until Dec. 2 because defense attorney Cheryl Quick needs discovery. He is charged with embezzlement by an agent or trustee between \$1,000 and \$20,000 on Jan. 3 in VBT. He is free on \$2,500 personal bond.

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Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 93103961148 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Wade Trim Engineering Consultant Nummer, Planning and Economic Development Director Power, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Public Services Director Best, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of Twenty-Six (26).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020; Prepaid List of October 8, 2020; Prepaid List of October 15, 2020; Voucher List of October 20, 2020; Approval of updated language to the Elected Officials Manual for in lieu of healthcare]. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Miller moved, Wright seconded to open the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment on:

- Establishing a Speculative Building Designation for Building #4 and #5 at the Crossroads Distribution Center North.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

No public comment was received.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd,

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E /
ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

The Clerk's Office will be open for absentee voting and voter registration on Saturday October 31, 2020 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.; Clerk Wright acknowledged the recent passing of Vicki Bostwick and Ray Bergeron who had each served many years as poll workers; Voters are encouraged to return their voted ballots as soon as possible, over 50% more residents participated in household hazardous waste day from last year. Thank you, U.S. Ecology, for providing the residents this free event; Saturday October 24, 2020 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Public Safety will be accepting pills for disposal at the Police Station lobby from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., this service is free and anonymous. Only pills and patches are accepted, The Belleville Area District Library (Sponsored by the Rotary Club) is holding a reusable water bottle collection until the end of the month. Please donate clean used or new reusable water bottles. Donations will be sent to students in the K-6th grade, Forgotten Harvest will distribute food at the Township Hall (Community Services Entrance) on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. starting October 27, 2020 through the end of the year. The pickleball courts will soon be opening from dawn to dusk (an announcement will be made on the website), construction of the Iron Belle Trail is moving forward, as cases of Covid-19 are on the rise residents should remain vigilant

in following the CDC guidelines to protect ourselves, our families and our community members. Wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2020-23 establishing the Speculative Building Designation for Building #4 at the Crossroads Distribution Center North. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve Resolution 2020-24 establishing the Speculative Building Designation for Building #5 at the Crossroads Distribution Center North (42050 Ecorse Rd.). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the contract with Wade Trim for the Engineering Services for the Beck Road By-Pass Valve and VB-06 Instrumentation Upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$33,900.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

White moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract with Bidigare Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$282,600.00 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$28,260.00 for the Beck Road Bypass Valve Project. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 10-06-20 (1) to allow and create regulations for single family detached dwellings at a density of 6-7 units per acres as permitted by right in the RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-18 the 2021 Salary Wage Schedule and Resolution 2020-19 the amended 2020 and proposed 2021 General Fund Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2020-20 the 2020 amended and 2021 proposed Special Revenue Funds Budgets. (Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority Fund, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, 9-1-1 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund.) Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2020-21 the 2020 amended and 2021 proposed Water and Sewer Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Township Hall Administrative Offices will be closed on November 3, 2020 but the Clerk's Office will be open from 6 a.m. until every vote is counted.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: October 29, 2020

Van Buren Township releases Citizen's Guide to 2020 Election on video

The Van Buren Township Clerk's Office has released a Citizen's Guide to the 2020 Election video explaining options available for voting in the Nov. 3 General Election, including the steps for absentee voting.

Information found in the video may be specific to Van Buren Township, but it is consistent with any township or city in the State of Michigan.

To view the video or find the embed code visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZS_zlIAoTM&t=31s. For a down-loadable copy, email AAlbrecht@vanburen-mi.org.



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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 10-06-20 (1)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 5-2-17(2) AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF RM, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO ADD DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT SPECIFIED DENSITIES AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1- ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to this Ordinance, the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with the below text upon the effective date of this Amendment:

Section 2.102. Definitions

DWELLING, RM SINGLE FAMILY *EDGE* DWELLING: An RM single family building containing not more than one (1) dwelling unit designed for residential use of one (1) family only, located along a property line abutting a major thoroughfare, shoreline districts, or property zoned other than RM, and provided the requirements of *Section 5.114* are met.

DWELLING, RM SINGLE FAMILY *INTERIOR* DWELLING: An RM single family building containing not more than one (1) dwelling unit designed for residential use of one (1) family only, located on the interior of a parcel developed for single family use, abutting an interior street in a development or abutting a property zoned RM, and provided the requirements of *Section 5.114* are met.

Section 3.104 Permitted Uses by District; Table 1: Table of Permitted Land Uses and Special Land Uses by District

Key:	■ Principal Permitted Use	● Special Land Use												
USE	R-1A, R-2A, R-1B, and RM	RMH	AG	C Error!	C-1	C-2	FS	OT Error!	M-1	M-T	M-2	AP Error!	M-U	
Accessory Caretaker Dwelling		○			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Apartment Houses		○											○	
Multiple Family High Rise Dwelling		○												
Single-Family Attached Dwelling		■											■	
Single-Family Detached Dwelling	■		■										■	
Single Family Detached Dwelling in RM		■												
Single-Family Farm Dwelling Related to Agricultural Operations			■											
Mobile Home Parks		■												
Mobile Home Subdivisions		■												
Planned Residential Developments	○		○										○	
Two-Family Dwelling		■											■	

Section 3.107 RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District

(A) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The Multiple Dwelling Residential District is designed to permit an intensive residential use of land, including attached dwelling units on a single parcel. Multiple Dwelling areas shall be located near major thoroughfares for good accessibility and may be located between single-family residential areas and other non-residential uses. It is intended that various sizes of residential accommodations, of ownership and rental, shall be provided to meet the need of the community.

(B) PERMITTED USES	(C) SPECIAL LAND USES
- Dwelling, Single-Family Residential Attached Dwelling, RM Single-Family Residential – Edge and Interior - Dwellings, Two-Family - Swimming Pools, Private - Clubhouse, Private - Hospitals and nursing homes - School (Primary or Secondary) - School (College or University, Public or Non-Profit) - Public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electric transformer stations and substations and gas regulator stations, but not including storage yards, when necessary to serve the immediate vicinity. - Adult foster care, family home - Family day care home. - Accessory structures and uses customarily incidental to the above permitted uses	- Dwelling, Multiple Family High Rise - Adult foster care, small group - Adult foster care, large group. - Day Care, Group Home - Apartment Houses - Religious Institutions - Child care center - Adult day care center - Wireless Communication Facilities

The above list is a summary of uses permitted by right or special land use approval in the district. Refer to [Section 3.104](#) (including footnotes) for standards and requirements applicable to permitted and special land uses. In case of a conflict between the above list and the uses listed in [Section 3.104](#) (including footnotes), then [Section 3.104](#) shall prevail. Refer to [Article 2](#) for definitions of uses and refer to [Article 5](#) for development standards for specific uses.

(D) REQUIRED CONDITIONS OF THE RM, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
- Community garages are permitted, provided they serve the principal residential building, and they contain space for no more than two (2) passenger vehicles for each dwelling unit in the principal building on the lot. - Maintenance and management buildings are permitted, provided they serve multiple dwellings. - Accessory buildings and uses must be located on the same lot as the main use and shall not involving any business, profession, trade or occupation.

(E)	(F) DIMENSION REGULATIONS				
Lot and Dimensional Standards	RM	Single-Family, Attached <i>(G)</i>	Single-Family Detached in RM District	Apartments <i>(G)</i>	Multi-Family High Rise <i>(G)</i>
Min. Lot Area (sq. ft.)	10 acres <i>(Q)</i>	4,200 (up to 1 bedroom) <i>(A)</i> 5,000 (2 bedroom) <i>(A)</i> 6,200 (3+ bedrooms) <i>(A)</i>	Edge – 7,200 Interior – 6, 300	2,800 (up to 1 bedroom) <i>(A)</i> 3,500 (2 bedroom) <i>(A)</i> 4,800 (3+ bedrooms) <i>(A)</i>	<i>(U)</i>
Min. Lot Width (ft.)	400	<i>(H)</i>	<i>Edge -60'/Interior-45'</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>
Min. Lot Depth (ft.)	--	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>
Max. Lot Coverage (%)	30	--	30	--	15
Min. Floor Area/Unit (ft.)	--	500 (efficiency) <i>(B)</i> 700 (1 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 900 (2 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 1,100 (3+ bedrooms) <i>(B), (E)</i>	Edge – 1,250 (Y) Interior – 1,000 (Y), (Z), (AA)	500 (efficiency) <i>(B)</i> 700 (1 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 900 (2 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 1,100 (3+ bedrooms) <i>(B), (E)</i>	500 (efficiency) <i>(B)</i> 700 (1 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 900 (2 bedroom) <i>(B)</i> 1,100 (3+ bedrooms) <i>(B), (E)</i>
Max. Building Height (ft.)	30	--	30	--	150
Max. Bldg. Height (stories)	2.5	--	2	--	15

Min. Front Yard Setback	35	<i>(U)</i>	30	<i>(U)</i>	75 <i>(K), (L)</i>
Min. Side Yard (one) Setback	20 <i>(F)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>Edge -10'/Interior-5'</i>	<i>(U)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>
Min. Side Yard (total of 2) Setback	40 <i>(F)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>Edge – 20'/Interior-15'</i>	<i>(U)</i>	110 <i>(K), (L)</i>
Min. Rear Yard Setback	35	<i>(U)</i>	<i>Edge – 35'/Interior-25'</i>	<i>(U)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>
Footnotes: Refer to Section 4.102 wherever a footnote is referenced in parentheses after one of the design regulations.					

Section 4.102 Schedule of Regulations

Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, area, height and placement regulations under this Ordinance shall be in accordance with the Schedule of Regulations in [Table 2](#) and footnotes thereto, which schedule and footnotes hereby made a part of this [Section 4.102](#).

Table 2. Schedule of Regulations

Zoning District	Lot Area, Lot Coverage, and Dwelling/Business Unit Standards					Minimum Yard Setbacks				Maximum Building Height	
	Minimum Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Minimum Floor Area Per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.)	Minimum Lot Width (ft.)	Minimum Lot Depth (ft.)	Maximum Lot Coverage (%)	Front (ft.)	Side (ft.)	Total of 2 Sides (ft.)	Rear (ft.)	Feet	Stories
AG, Agricultural and Estates	43,560	2,000 <i>(B)</i>	150	<i>(C)</i>	15	50	10	25	35	30	2
R-1A, Single-Family Residential	20,000	1,800 <i>(B)</i>	100	<i>(C)</i>	15	30	10	25	35	30	2
R-2A, Single-Family Residential	15,000	1,800 <i>(B)</i>	90	<i>(C)</i>	20	30	10	25	35	30	2
R-1B, Single-Family Residential	10,000	1,500 <i>(B)</i>	80	125	30	30	10	25	35	30	2
R-1C, Single-Family Residential	8,400	1,250 <i>(B)</i>	70	120	30	30	10	25	35	30	2
RM, Multiple Family Residential	10 acres <i>(Q)</i>	See below	400	--	30	35	20 <i>(F)</i>	40 <i>(F)</i>	35	30	2.5
RM Detached Single-Family Residential, Edge Dwelling	7,200	1,250	60'	(C)	30	30	10'	20'	35	30	2 (Y)
RM Detached Single-Family Residential, Interior Dwelling	6,300	1,000	45'	(C)	30	30	5	15	25	30	2 (Y), (Z), (AA)
RM Attached Single-Family: Efficiency Units	4,200 <i>(A)</i>	500 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
One Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	4,200 <i>(A)</i>	700 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
Two Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	5,000 <i>(A)</i>	900 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
Three or More Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	6,200 <i>(A)</i>	1,100 <i>(B), (E)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
RM Apartments: Efficiency Units	2,800 <i>(A)</i>	500 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
One Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	2,800 <i>(A)</i>	700 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
Two Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	3,500 <i>(A)</i>	900 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
Three or More Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	4,800 <i>(A)</i>	1,100 <i>(B), (E)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	--	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	30	2.5
RM Multiple-Family High Rise: Efficiency Units	<i>(U)</i>	500 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	15	75 <i>(K), (L)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>	150	50	150	15
One Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	700 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	15	75 <i>(K), (L)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>	150	50	150	15
Two Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	900 <i>(B)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	15	75 <i>(K), (L)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>	150	50	150	15
Three or More Bedroom Units <i>(G)</i>	<i>(U)</i>	1,100 <i>(B), (E)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	<i>(H)</i>	15	75 <i>(K), (L)</i>	50 <i>(K), (L)</i>	150	50	150	15
RMH, Mobile Home Park	5,550	720	55	--	50	35 <i>(R)</i>	25 <i>(R)</i>	50 <i>(R)</i>	35 <i>(R)</i>	30	2
C, Local Business	--	--	--	--	--	75 <i>(N)</i>	15 <i>(M), (P)</i>	15 <i>(M)</i>	25	40	4
C-1, General Business	--	--	--	--	--	75 <i>(N)</i>	15 <i>(M), (P)</i>	15 <i>(M)</i>	25	40	4
C-2, Extensive Highway Business	--	--	--	--	--	35 <i>(N)</i>	25 <i>(P)</i>	50	20	40	4
FS, Freeway Service	--	--	--	--	--	75 <i>(N)</i>	75 <i>(P)</i>	150	75	30	3
OT, Office Technology	--	--	--	--	--	<i>(D), (T), (U)</i>	20	40 <i>(D)</i>	30	45	3 <i>(W)</i>
M-1, Light Industrial	--	--	--	--	35	50 <i>(O)</i>	40 <i>(P)</i>	80	40	30	2.5 <i>(S)</i>
M-2, General Industrial	--	--	--	--	35	60 <i>(O)</i>	50 <i>(P)</i>	100	50	40	4 <i>(S)</i>
MT, Industrial Transportation	--	<i>(B)</i>	--	--	35	50 <i>(O)</i>	50 <i>(P)</i>	100	50	35	3
AP, Airport	250 acres	--	--	--	--	100 <i>(Q)</i>	50 <i>(P)</i>	100	100	--	--

(Y) All RM Single-Family Detached Residential Dwelling structures must be architecturally substantially different from any neighboring structure, based on the use of the "neighboring structure" and "substantially different" definitions in Section 5.115(B)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance.

(Z) All RM Single-Family Detached Residential Interior Dwellings shall provide access to any garage or other vehicular access accessory structure, from the rear via an alleyway. The Planning Commission shall have the flexibility to grant a deviation from this standard based on the unique features of the parcel and other design considerations which prevent such access. If provided, the alleyway must provide a common access to all interior dwellings in a row and connect to abutting streets to create a circulation network.

(AA) For RM Single-Family Detached Residential Interior Dwellings, accessory structures may be attached or detached.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - REPEALER

All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4- SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under the Zoning Ordinance, or any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

SECTION 6 - ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren at a meeting duly called and held on the 20th day of October, 2020, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Adopted: October 20, 2020

Published: October 29, 2020

Effective: November 5, 2020

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 478 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 18:
0349 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0408 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1438 – shooting, Bog Rd.
1530 – hospice death, Elwell Rd.
1616 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1852 – private property/property damage accident, Marina Dr.
1919 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2023 – private property impound, Hardwood Dr.
2137 – parking complaint, Stratford Dr.
2242 – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
2341 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
Monday, Oct. 19:
0157 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, Tyler
0812 – larceny, Burlwood Ln.
0929 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
1025 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1042 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1046 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1143 – fraud, Fret Rd.
1224 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1439 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1444 – threat, Sylvia Dr.
1731 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1816 – family trouble, Sheldon Rd.
2006 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2054 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
2100 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2217 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2359 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
Tuesday, Oct. 20:
0018 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0044 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./W. I-94
0331 – noise complaint, McKinley/Wheeler
0403 – assist citizen, S. I-275 Ecorse ramp/Ecorse
0426 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
0810 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0859 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0947 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1026 – fraud, Lake Point Blvd.
1056 – misc. complaint, McBride
1134 – misc. complaint, Chevrolet St.
1147 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1229 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1341 – animal complaint, Old Denton Rd.
1455 – traffic offense, Arthur St.
1707 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1710 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1712 – private property impound, Industrial Dr.
1816 – threat, Arthur St.
1819 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
2021 – private property impound, Millington Ct.
2142 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 21:
0623 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0722 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
0738 – shooting, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0833 – follow up by officer, Oak Ln.
0925 – lost property/child, Greenbriar Dr.
1123 – private property/property damage accident, Beckley Rd.
1154 – threat, Harmony Ln.
1235 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
1327 – suicidal person, Old Michigan Rd.
1343 – fraud, Lucy
1354 – property damage accident, Berkdale Dr.
1350 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1520 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./N. I-275
1634 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave./Savage Rd.
1726 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1954 – traffic offense, Arthur St./Buchanan St.
2054 – hospice death, E. Sadie Ln.
2206 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Dr.
2225 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 22:
0229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
0701 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1046 – ordinance violation, Fillmore

1106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial/Chester Ct.
1320 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1454 – traffic offense, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
1502 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1532 – harassment call, Country Ln.
1545 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1842 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1848 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1937 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tallgrass Ct.
2001 – missing person, Park Estates Dr.
2134 – hospice death, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2238 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
Friday, Oct. 23:
0018 – robbery, S. Bellridge Dr.
0443 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0543 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0600 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0658 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
0709 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
0834 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe
0912 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
1230 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1309 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1410 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1416 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1428 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
1534 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1715 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1756 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – PPO violation, Outer Dr.
1858 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
2004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2124 – noise complaint. S. Ponderosa Trl.
2153 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2233 – follow-up by officer, Park Estates Dr.
2322 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
Saturday, Oct. 24:
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
0037 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0230 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0239 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
0326 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
0813 – follow up by officer, Belle Villa
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates
1130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1416 – neighbor trouble, Woodwall Ct.
1531 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1531 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rose Blvd.
1549 – property damage accident, Mott
1646 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1711 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1723 – parking complaint, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1725 – threat, Rose Blvd.
1815 – mental subject, Meadows Cir.
1857 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1924 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd./Quirk
2252 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
2301 – private property/property damage accident, Lighthouse
2326 – shooting, Jewell Ave./Denton Rd.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 252 traffic stops, 167 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 18:
0104 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
1540 – traffic offense, Madelon/Robbe
1555 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1622 – traffic offense, South St.
Monday, Oct. 19:
0836 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1344 – juvenile complaint, E. Thornhill Ct.

2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2226 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.
Tuesday, Oct. 20:
0229 – disorderly, Loza Ln.
0823 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1133 – malicious destruction of property, Owen
1402 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1453 – property damage accident, Third/Main
1526 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
Wednesday, Oct. 21:
0337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1228 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
1413 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1653 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
2117 – assist citizen, Owen St.
Thursday, Oct. 22:
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/5th
1728 – assist other dept., South St.
2004 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.
2219 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
Friday, Oct. 23:
1014 – threat, Madelon St.
1137 – welfare check, South St./E. Davis St.
1304 – traffic offense, Main St.
1840 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1928 – welfare check, Church St.
Saturday, Oct. 24:
0824 – misc. complaint, Belle Villa
1204 – vehicle lockout, Church St.
1534 – repossession, N. Liberty St.
1605 – vehicle lockout, Santa Clara St.
2348 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr. / Angola St.
Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 18:
1147 – mental health call, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1311 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1440 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1600 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1653 – property damage accident, Willow Rd./Karr
1832 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
2126 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
Monday, Oct. 19:
0540 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1329 – suspicious circumstances, 21000 bl. Judd
1506 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1606 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1625 – assist other agency, Willow Rd./Rinne Rd.
1933 – suspicious circumstances, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2146 – citizen assist, Virginia St.
2204 – 911 hang up, Kansas St.
Tuesday, Oct. 20:
0010 – citizen assist, Virginia St.
0653 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0727 – death investigation, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.
1051 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1104 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1305 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.
1509 – follow-up investigation, Stonecrest Dr.
1903 – larceny, Knollwood Dr.
1910 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1917 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2204 – citizen assist, Harris Rd./Savage Rd.
2213 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 21:
0059 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0225 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0327 – suspicious circumstances, 44000 bl. Wear
0554 – suspicious person, Third St.
0748 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.
0827 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0855 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1003 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1138 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane Dr.
1224 – traffic complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1626 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1800 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1827 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1920 – neighbor trouble, Carriage Ln.
1929 – traffic complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2006 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
2137 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 22:

0350 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1049 – suspicious circumstances, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1136 – suspicious circumstances, 17000 bl. Lohr
1248 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1400 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1709 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
1717 – larceny, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1751 – neighbor trouble, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
2232 – welfare check, Dakota Ct.
Friday, Oct. 23:
0102 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln.
0348 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0517 – suspicious circumstances, Delaware St.
0745 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0911 – follow-up investigation, Delaware St.
0919 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
1146 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1405 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1639 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1958 – subpoena service, Knollwood Dr.
Saturday, Oct. 24:
0146 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1103 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1140 – welfare check, Second St.
1403 – death investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1420 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1522 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1555 – civil matters, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1658 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1720 – neighbor trouble, Rustic Ln.
1736 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
1818 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1829 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
1900 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2107 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2205 – 911 hang up, Hampshire Dr.
Also on this week's log are 44 patrol checks, 18 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Michigan State Police

find stolen vehicles in car trailer in VBT

A stolen vehicle believed to be traveling “under its own power” last week led Michigan State Police to a trailer on a freeway in Van Buren Township loaded with vehicles stolen from the Detroit area.

As outlined in a news release via Twitter, MSP troopers from the Metro Detroit Post recovered at least four stolen vehicles being hauled on a trailer after they responded to a stolen vehicle report.

At about 9:55 p.m., Oct. 21, a person called 911 to report their vehicle stolen, police said. A GPS tracker installed on the vehicle enabled the caller to tell the dispatcher its location and that was relayed to responding units.

Troopers initially believed the vehicle was traveling “under its own power” on the freeway in Van Buren Township. However, they found a semi-tractor with a car-hauling trailer and could see the license plate of the stolen vehicle, so they made a traffic stop.

The driver, a resident of Long Beach, CA, told troopers he had recently purchased the trailer and was currently en-route to Belleville to pick up another vehicle.

Troopers searched the tractor and found at least \$10,000 in cash. In the trailer they found the vehicle reported stolen and three other stolen vehicles recently reported to Metro Detroit police departments.

The vehicles were a 2017 Dodge Challenger reported stolen out of Detroit PD jurisdiction, a 2020 Dodge Charger reported stolen out of Warren PD, and a 2018 Dodge Charger reported stolen from Southfield PD. The MSP Southeast Auto Theft Team continues the investigation.

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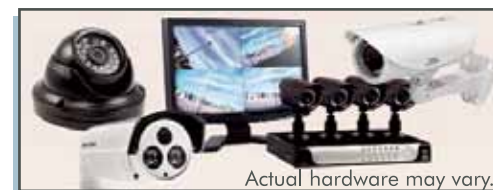
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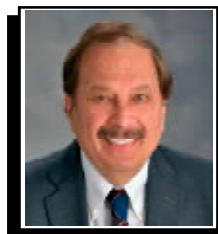
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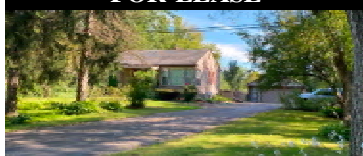
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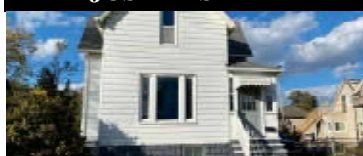
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